

Religion In Review Pictures '73 As Year Of Sho

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The tumultuous year of 1973 was surfeited with surprise, bringing a succession of shocks that put hope on hold at a decade of violence ground to a close.

Church leaders who applauded the President's inauguration, his hand resting on Isaiah 2:4, squirmed with embarrassment when he was later forced to declare, "I am not a crook!"

Charges of immorality toppled one government official after another. Watergate, and all it implied, raised a debate over pietistic religion vs. situation ethics: Was the strategy of Richard Nixon to blame? Or was Jeb Magruder's admission that William

Sloan Coffin's "end justifies the means" the demon?

In a historic, unprecedented move, Congress approved a Presidential Committee and many church leaders fought the decree unsuccessfully.

The 11-year Indochina War, which took 46,000 American lives, wounded 304,000, and cost the U.S. a minimum of \$110 billion, finally grounded to a halt. The devastation to Indochinese was incalculable. POWs marched home in 1973, ending as many as seven years of agonizing waiting.

While killing in Vietnam stopped, it was made legal in hospitals when the Supreme Court gave women the constitutional right to an abortion dur-

ing the first six months of pregnancy. Groups like the National Right to Life

"Pro-Life" bracelets sprouted. Legal battles were fought over the personhood of the fetus and anguished cries of anti-abortionists were heard in the

land.

"Eternal" flames at marble memorials across the nation were snuffed out as the big E for Ecology was

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changed abruptly to the crisis of Energy. Preachers for decades have called unsuccessfully for less ostentatious Christmas celebrations; Middle East Arabs accomplished it in one day with an oil embargo against the West following the bloody "Yom Kippur War."

The 130 religious groups participating in Key 73 were energetic in their evangelistic advances, but fell short of the theme: "Calling a Continent to Christ." Jews termed it a "dangerous threat," and some evangelical groups were suspicious of its ecumenicity. But Key 73 resulted in a massive distribution of more than 35 million copies of the Scriptures and organized some 50,000 house Bible study groups still meeting.

Trends

As skylab orbited overhead the pace
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Watergate, Mid-East War

"Top Ten" News Stories On Religion In 1973

NEW YORK (RNS) — Concern over American morality in the wake of the Watergate scandals was the top 1973 news development in religion.

The Middle East war, including its effect on Jewish-Christian relations, ranked second.

The ten top stories, chosen by the news and photo staffs of Religious News Service, were:

1. Religious evaluations of the meaning of Watergate and determination to shore up national morality in the future.

2. War between Israel and Egypt and Syria in October, and the impact of the conflict on interreligious relations in the Middle East and the West.

3. U. S. Supreme Court decisions (followed by Right to Life efforts), permitting abortion, banning aid to parochial education and tightening pornography standards.

4. Evangelistic campaigns — Key 73, charismatic movement, Billy Graham's South Korea crusade at-

tracting largest crowd ever to gather for a sermon.

5. Women advance in the church: National Council of Churches elects Claire Randall as general secretary, Pope Paul establishes commission on women. Conservative Jews count women in minyan, Episcopal women fight for, but lose, right of ordination.

6. Conservative - modern conflicts in U. S. Protestantism, highlighted by tensions in Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and formation of National Presbyterian Church by some conservatives in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern).

7. Anglican - Roman Catholic theological consensus on the nature and meaning of the ministry.

8. Church support for minority groups, especially for Indians at Wounded Knee, Hispanic farm workers in California and strikers at Farah plant in Texas.

9. Religious opposition to governments in Brazil, Chile (after Allende overthrow), South Africa, Rhodesia, South Korea, the Philippines, and Soviet restrictions on Jewish immigration.

10. Energy crisis: Implications for changing values and life styles, and impact in church attendance patterns. Other developments placing high were:

—Church appeals for amnesty for Indo-Chinese war draft resisters.

—Supreme Court refusal to restore tax exemption of Evangelist Billy James Hargis.

—Religious liberty as dramatized in trial of Ted Patrick, "deprogrammer" of members of fundamentalist sects.

—Possibilities for peace in Northern Ireland; formation of Council of Ireland.

—Celebration of World Council of Churches' 25th anniversary.

—Vatican document reaffirming dogma of papal infallibility.

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Comet Kohoutek Joins In Welcoming New Year

Comet Kohoutek appeared in our skies last month, and will, within the next few days, be at its brightest, as if it were joining the world in welcoming the New Year. Christians should look upon it with realization

that God made this, and all of the multitude of bodies in the heavens, and that it is following the path He gave to it. May it teach us to as faithfully follow the paths he has given us. —(BNS PHOTO.)

Church-State Top 10 1973 Stories Told

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — The Supreme Court's rulings against parochial head the list of the ten top church-state stories for 1973, according to a year-end analysis by the staff of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The ten most significant church-state news stories which will appear in the January 1974 *Church & State* are:

1. On June 25 the United States Supreme Court struck down tax credits, tuition reimbursement, "mandated services," and other forms of parochial as violative of the First Amendment.

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Church Membership Development will be the special emphasis of the Mississippi Baptist Convention during 1974, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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This is third annual special emphasis of a five - year plan adopted during the tenure of office of Dr. W.

Douglas Hudgins as executive secretary-treasurer and has been approved by both the Mississippi Baptist Convention and Convention Board.

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The 1974 special emphasis for the month of March will be "Church: The Sunday Night Place."

This is a program designed by the Church Training Department to increase attendance both in Church Training and in the evening church services.

The purpose is to focus attention on the need for training, worship, and fellowship.

Churches which enter into this promotion will be supported by state-

wide radio, television, and billboard publicity.

This program climaxes on March 31 with "High Attendance Night in Church Training" to be observed simultaneously throughout the state, Mr. King added.

Sunday School will continue through the year its major thrust, "People-to-People" — an effort designed to win more people to faith in Christ and enlist more people in Bible study.

The Evangelism Department, in addition to its continued emphasis on the use of WIN materials, has produced a guide to spiritual growth through daily devotionals and twining. It is entitled "Forty Days on the Mountain Top." Its use will be promoted during the spring of 1974.

The Evangelism Department will plan a special series of conferences

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January Is "Make Your Will Month"

By Carey E. Cox
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptist Foundation

January is designated "Make Your Will Month" in the Southern Baptist calendar of activities.

It is a time when Southern Baptists are reminded of the services offered by the state Foundations and of the response which should be made to its services.

Much thought is given by most Baptists in the area of improving their economic status.

Unfortunately, the same amount of thought is not given to God's will in the area of continuing stewardship.

Every Christian would do well to constantly remember that we are stewards of that part of God's material blessings which shall be left at our decease.

Your last will and testament can express your Christian concern when you provide for the continuing support of the Lord's work through your Baptist Foundation.

Will making, including a bequest for God, evolves in an abiding dimension in Christian stewardship. As Baptists come to maturity in this concept, the Lord's work will be financially stabilized through large streams of support now untapped.

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

Annually your Mississippi Baptist Foundation is increasing the number of wills properly produced whereby some part of the estate shall ultimately give support to some area of the denominational program.

At present there are wills in probate which will bring many thousand dollars to the Foundation for institutional support.

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Swor To Be MC Counselor For '74 Spring Semester

Dr. Chester Swor of Jackson, one of the nation's foremost student counselors, will join the Mississippi College staff for the Spring semester of 1974 as a visiting counselor.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president, announced the coming of Dr. Swor, indicating his primary service role will be to be available to students for

the unending parade of booths and displays at the massive Jackson Mall Shopping Center, but the 3,600-member Calvary Baptist Church here did it.

The booth was set up for its third year and, from all indications, broke its own record for patronage this Christmas season, according to the church's pastor, Joe H. Tuten.

The minister said the idea for "Noel Oasis" grew from "a desire to take the ministry of the church into the shopping center and business community."

Customers who stopped to chat expressed amazement that the church was sponsoring the project on its own and paying all expenses.

No efforts were made to proselytize persons who visited the booth, but some 200 church laymen, who volunteered for two to four hour shifts, encouraged people to be mindful of the religious significance of the season.

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Christian Membership Development

1974 Emphasis

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dealing with "The Child and Evangelism."

In cooperation with the Brotherhood Department they will sponsor a conference which will be a demonstration of and a promotion of a retreat for Christian Growth.

Special materials for Doctrinal Emphasis Week in April will be ready early in the year. This will be a syllabus prepared for use in Mississippi. It will deal with doctrines related to personal spiritual growth.

It will be offered as an alternative to the regular Doctrinal Emphasis Week books produced annually by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Another supportive promotion will call on pastors to place added emphasis on the use of the Bible in church services and activities. This also will be ready for distribution early in 1974.

A regular Bible emphasis is the Bible Explorer's Drill and Youth Bible Drill promoted annually by the Church Training Department.

A series of Pastor Dialogues has been projected for early in 1974 which will be under the direction of Dr. Kelly. This will involve a personal visit to each resident pastor of the state by some member of the Convention Board staff.

First, Jackson, Calls Texan As New Pastor

The Reverend Franklin Dawes Pollard of Dallas, Texas is the new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

In session, Sunday, Mississippi's largest congregation voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Pulpit Committee in calling the Reverend Pollard to the pastorate of the downtown church effective mid-January.

He is pastor of the Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in north Dallas — a church which has grown under his dynamic leadership to a resident membership of 3,250.

He is vice president of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and was selected this year to preach the annual sermon to the BGCT.

Pollard has been selected for other positions of responsibility in denominational service. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Howard Payne College and has served as professor of Bible at West Texas State University.

He is a native Texan and a graduate of Texas A&M University in business administration. At A&M, he was president of Baptist Student Union, a varsity baseball player and a cadet major in the ROTC. After being called to the ministry, he received his theological training at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as president of the Texas Alumni of Southwestern.

He is married to the former Jane Shepard and they have two children: Brent, an eighth grader and Suzanne, a fifth grader.

Before going to the Shiloh Terrace church in 1970, Pollard served other pastorates in Texas including First Baptist Churches in Tulia, Dimmitt, Seagraves and Loving. He was associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Since Pollard became pastor of the Shiloh Terrace Church, resident membership has increased to 3,250 with a total of 1,450 additions, including 403 baptisms. The church budget shows an increased from \$244,000 to \$415,000. Sunday school attendance averages 1,775.

Pollard, 39, is the son of Mrs. Daniel Spurgeon Pollard and the late Mr. Pollard. His father owned and operated an oil well servicing company and the family lived at various times in Olney, Wichita Falls and Graham, Texas.

Mrs. Pollard's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shepard of Jermyn, Texas. Her father is a rancher-farmer with interests in Jack and Young counties.

The Pollards are both graduates of Graham high school. She is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College with majors in home economics and biology. She is a registered interior designer and is interested in art and music.

Commenting on their recommendation of the Reverend Pollard for the largest church of any denomination in the state, the Pulpit Committee noted that he has "extremely good rapport with our people. He is also much in demand for seminars on college campuses and his special emphasis is in reaching groups of young people."

He was the keynote speaker for the state Baptist Student Union convention this year.

His election for the First Baptist Church came 5½ months after the resignation of Dr. Larry G. Rohrman.

The purpose of these dialogues is to listen to what the pastor has to say about his needs and those of the church he serves in an effort to direct the energies of the Convention Board toward the meeting of those needs through various programs.

Rev. Leon Emery, Church Administration consultant in the Cooperative Missions Department, is preparing some guidelines for church leadership renewal.

The format will involve planning retreats for key leadership to come together in a spirit of prayer, confession and commitment to look at themselves, the mission of the church, community and church needs, and to plan a program of work to meet these needs.

Evangelism was the principal point of emphasis in 1973 with the coordinator of that program being Rev. Roy Cullum, Jackson, secretary of the Evangelism Department of the Convention Board.

Stewardship and missions will be the emphasis in 1975 with co-coordinators to be Rev. John Alexander, director of the Board's Stewardship Department and Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the State Baptist WMU.

Rev. Carey E. Cox, Jackson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, will cooperate with the co-coordinators in the 1975 emphasis.

Christian Citizenship will be the special concern for 1976 with Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Convention's Christian Action Commission.

Miss Hunt Will

Retire Oct. 5, '74

BIRMINGHAM — Miss Alma Hunt will retire as executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union October 5, 1974. She has been serving in this position since 1948 — elected May 18 and assumed full responsibility October 1.

Public announcement of her retirement will be made at an official dinner in her honor to be given by the WMU Executive Board on Friday evening, January 11, 1974, concluding the WMU Annual Executive Board Meeting for Promotion in Birmingham, Alabama.

Public appreciation will also be expressed to Miss Hunt during the WMU Annual Meeting in Dallas next June, during the WMU Conference at Glorieta in July, and during the WMU Conference at Ridgecrest in August.

Miss Hunt's successor will be elected by the WMU Executive Board. No definite timetable has been charted for considering the next executive secretary. The Board's Finance and Personnel Committee, composed of nine vice presidents, is charged with the responsibility of selecting a nominee for consideration by the Board.

Guest Organ Artist To Be At BMC

The Department of Music at Blue Mountain College will present Billy Trotter in a guest organ recital on Monday evening, January 7.

Mr. Trotter has been a member of the music faculty at Mississippi College since 1965 and is assistant professor of music. He is the official organist of the college and organist at First Church, Clinton.

Included in the guest organ recital program are compositions by Bach, Pachelbel, Arne, Withrow, Dupre, and Franck. The recital which will begin at 8 p.m. will be presented in the sanctuary of Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain. The public is invited.

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Carey Chorale On January Tour

The Carey College Chorale, under direction of Dr. Donald Winters, Dean of the School of Music, William Carey College, will be on tour throughout the state January 2-17. January 2 they were at Bay Springs. Other places on schedule are: Jan. 3, First, Picayune; Jan. 4, First, Poplarville; Jan. 5, First, Brookhaven; Jan. 6, First, Lufkin; Jan. 7, First, Gulfport; Jan. 8, First, Philadelphia; Jan. 9, First, Lexington; Jan. 10, Eastlawn; Pasco; Jan. 11, First, Louisville; Jan. 12, Harrisburg; Tupelo; Jan. 13, First, Pontotoc; Jan. 14, First, Booneville; Jan. 15, Calvary, Jackson; Jan. 16, Highland, Meridian; Jan. 17, Temple, Hattiesburg.



The youth choir group from Merritt Island, Florida, above center, recently visited in Israel. (Jerusalem is in background). Rev. Anis Shorosh, tour director, is at extreme left.

Christian Witness In Israel

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Moses. The ice was broken and we went on with the program."

Mr. Shorosh said the visit was later broadcast on radio. His party heard it stop the Mountain of Transfiguration where monks prepared dinner for the crowd of 180 people.

The Nazareth concert was telecast on the Israeli national TV. The choir was presented a certificate thanking them for singing for the soldiers and the goodwill tour of Israel.

The choir trained for singing in Hebrew and Arabic so they could sing to specific groups in their own language.

Dr. Jimmie E. Jackson is pastor of the Merritt Island church.

The group observed the Lord's Supper at the Garden Tomb on Wednesday morning.

Upon returning home Mr. Shorosh declared that "I can honestly say, that the whole trip shall stand in the minds of the 127 Christian Pilgrims whom I led on this journey to the land of Jesus as a monument to God's power. He answered so many prayers.

His protection while traveling in such dangerous zones. He also presented us with open doors to share His message of love through Jesus with Arabs and Jews alike."

Last week, I wrote along the line of

each church participating in the Gulfshore Restoration Campaign. Then I made an appeal to each church to not only participate, but also get their pledge cards into the office.

Now I want to make a different appear. I would like very much for this to be extremely personal to each reader. As the general chairman of this campaign, we are also seeking individual contributions. You may be approached and you may not be by some person. But, no doubt, you would like a personal part in this worthy cause. You may even want to memorize someone in this very worthy project. The memorials start at \$3,000 and go to \$100,000. Of course, I am making an appeal to anyone who can and would make a contribution. If you desire more information along this line, you may get in touch with me, Dr. Kelly, or Mr. Art Nelson.

We have no central office in this work and no full-time staff member. So you can see, we are depending on those who love the Lord and want to see His cause prosper. Knowing Mississippi Baptists as I do, I know you can be counted on to do your part. — David Grant.

Swor To Be MC

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counseling in their deeply personal, highly confidential problems — essentially matters not included in the scope of responsibility of staff members of the college who work in student relationships.

Dr. Swor says that this opportunity to be for a while in the life of his "top favorite" of all the colleges in America in daily contact with his "top favorite" folks — college students — appeals to him very greatly.

No newcomer to Mississippi College, Dr. Swor served as Dean of Men and as an instructor in the English department in earlier years. Since his first stint at the college, he has spoken and counseled throughout America and on eight missions abroad.

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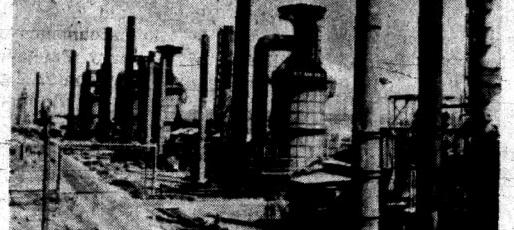
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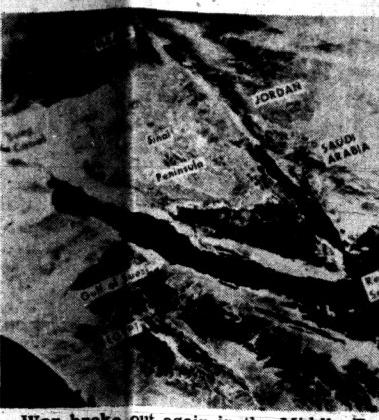
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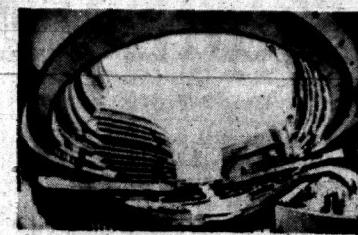
President Richard Nixon (left) confers with Rep. Gerald Ford in the White House after nominating Mr. Ford to the Vice Presidency in October. He took oath of office in December.



Billy Graham celebrated his 55th birthday during 1973, but showed no signs of slowing down. He preached to a crowd near Seoul, South Korea, estimated at more than one million, the largest of his career.



War broke out again in the Middle East. A cease-fire agreement between Egypt and Israel was reached, prisoners of war were exchanged, and steps were being taken toward achieving a permanent settlement.



Washington's Watergate office-apartment complex, scene of an aborted burglary of the Democratic National Committee headquarters, became the symbol of wide-ranging scandals which rocked the Nixon Administration.



Dr. L. Nelson Bell, one of the most prominent clergymen in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern), died in August at the age of 79.



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Dead trees and livestock on the verge of starvation in a village in Upper Volta, one of six West African nations where a five-year drought reached near calamity conditions in 1973. Church agencies rushed aid to the area.

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on earth slowed to conserve finite resources of fossil fuel. Violent crime increased 4%. Capital punishment was outlawed nationally but revived in some state governments. Some churches introduced credit-card donations. A team tried unsuccessfully to find Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat. Educators found increasing flaws in evolutionary views of man's origins. Americans consumed nearly 5 billion gallons of alcoholic beverages — spending more than two and a half times as much on the drug as on religious and welfare projects.

Pennsylvania introduced "no fault" divorce. Increased sightings of UFOs terrorized some, entertained others. More than half the people (53%) supported euthanasia for persons with incurable diseases. Australian researchers successfully fertilized a human egg which lived for nine days after transplantation in a woman's womb.

Views on premarital sex in the U.S. were significantly liberalized in 1973.

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Some 20,000 black church members marked the 33rd anniversary of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., the nation's largest black church group. Tom Bradley, Los Angeles' first black mayor, credited the churches with having helped him win the election. The Africa Inland Mission began sponsoring black evangelists among U.S. urban areas as well as white workers among black Africans overseas.

Sentiment moved toward taxing churches. A Delaware minister urged Christians to free themselves from their "privileged status" in relation to state government and fight for better government.

Missions

The spotlight of international missions held so long by North America, gradually began swinging to Asia this year. Twenty-five Asian delegates from 13 countries met in Seoul to form the First All-Asia Mission Consultation. "Africasia" was also born — a mission advance led by Samuel Kim of Korea — to serve developing nations. More than 200 indigenous mission agencies are operating in the Third World already. The 84-member Asian Seminar on Religion and Development challenged the Christian church to "unconversion" — the raising of consciousness among the poor and oppressed.

Christian work flourished in Eastern Europe countries, especially in Romania where believers pressed for freedoms guaranteed by their constitution. Soviets eased pressures on believers in many areas, but the price remained high for the faithful. The Cambodian church was growing rapidly. Signs of spiritual life were observed behind the Bamboo Curtain. Interchristo served more than 200 Christian organizations using its computer-based system to find missionary personnel — organizations which felt the pinch of reduced purchasing power abroad with the 10% devaluation of the U.S. dollar.

Zambia criticized missionaries for failing to combat racism and social evils. All but three missionaries were withdrawn from Somali Republic. Uganda President Idi Amin warned he would deport all religious leaders "who make trouble," and the government of South Africa barred a trio of missionaries from Namibia (South-West Africa). Israelis also called for concerted action against Christian missionaries within their borders and officials in Muslim Afghanistan razed the beautiful Kabul Community Church, the only Protestant sanctuary in the nation erected to serve Christians there.

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Four Mississippi College students captured top honors during competition at the recent Mississippi Music Teachers Association Convention. Seated are Doug Peik (left), Brandon, third place winner in the voice concerto contest, and Kelli Lang, Magnolia, first place winner in the piano concerto contest. Standing are Susie Fulton (left), Greenwood, second place winner in the voice concerto, and Betty Schmidt, McComb, second place finisher in the piano solo contest. Lang is the first Mississippi College student to ever win a first place in the piano concerto. — (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Oakland Church (Yokohama) recently ordained Millard Caulder to the gospel ministry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Caulder and is a sophomore at Clarke College. Millard serves as pastor of the Bluff Springs Church in Choctaw Association. Rev. Burford Sellers is Oakland pastor.

Joe Nunley has been licensed to preach by Red Banks Church. Mr. Nunley, left, is pictured receiving the certificate of license from Rev. Homer Worsham, pastor. He attended Northwest Junior College, Senatobia, and is presently employed at Wuritzer Company in Holly Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Harper, Jr., missionaries to Colombia on furlough, may be addressed at 749 Reading Rd., Mason, Ohio, 45040. Before they were appointed he was pastor of Bethel Church, Liberty, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Major C. McDaniels Jr., newly-employed missionary associates to Korea, have completed orientation and after Dec. 31 may be addressed c/o Baptist Mission, IPO 1361, Seoul 100, Korea. Before they were appointed he was music director, First Church, Natchez.

Pat McLellan, son of Mrs. Marvin McLellan and the late Marvin McLellan, was licensed to preach Sunday, Dec. 9, in First Church, Durant. Rev. Ed McDaniel, pastor, made some interesting remarks to Pat before turning the service over to him. Mrs. Pat McLellan, the former Carol Carr, was baptized at the close of the service. Pat and Carol are students at Clarke College.



Frank Margolis (left) and Elton "Buddy" Scifres (right) were licensed to the gospel ministry by Midway Church, Jackson, on October 28. Both are presently attending Mississippi College.

The Midway pastor is Rev. W. Benton Preston.

Rev. Jim Thrash is leaving the pastorate of Friendship Church in Columbus (Lowndes) to assume the pastorate of Trinity Church, El Dorado, Arkansas. During his 2½ year ministry the church added more than 100 members and the church budget more than doubled. In the last six months two buses were purchased for a bus ministry and a building program was approved to add needed educational space. The Thrashes may be contacted at 1400 Trinity Street, El Dorado, Arkansas, 71730.

Two William Carey College music majors placed high in state competition at the Mississippi Music Teachers Association's annual meeting at Millsaps College in Jackson. Mike Mitchell, of Greenville, placed first in the sophomore voice solo division; he was accompanied by Patti Stribling. Harry Carter, III of Bonneau Beach, South Carolina, placed third in the collegiate vocal solo division junior - senior division.

Rev. Wesley Pitts, formerly of Zion Community of Pontotoc County, has recently accepted the pastorate of First Church, Collierville, Tenn., moving there from a similar position at West Shiloh Church, Stantonville, Tenn. During three years he was at West Shiloh, the church built a new educational unit, total receipts almost doubled, mission offerings more than doubled, and there were 64 additions to the church, 50 by baptism. For three years he was Sunday School director of the McNairy Association. He was a member of the McNairy County Welfare Advisory Board, the McNairy General Hospital Chaplain staff, and served as President of the Adamsville Ministerial Association.

He is married to the former Diane Clingan also of Zion Community. They are the parents of a son, Michael Stephen. Pitts is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and Southwestern Seminary. He formerly served as pastor of First Church, Prairie, Miss., and Macedonia Church, Pontotoc.

John Sawyer, a consultant in the Sunday School department of the Alabama Baptist Convention executive board has been named director-elect of the board's church training department. Sawyer, 37, came to the Sunday School department two years ago after serving 12 years as pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Vincennes, Ind.

David B. Hazelwood has accepted the position of consultant, new work development, in national student ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board.



William Lee is new minister of music and education at First, Richton. Mr. Lee is married to the former Marian Paschal, pictured above. He is a graduate of William Carey College. His wife holds a B.M. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University. Mr. Lee is originally from Hattiesburg. His wife, originally from Indianapolis, Ind., has attended both Southern Seminary and New Orleans Seminary while Mr. Lee has attended New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Lee comes from Bayou Church in Slidell, Louisiana where he was minister of music and youth. Rev. Marcus Finch is pastor at Richton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. (Mike) Newton, newly-appointed missionaries to Korea, have completed orientation and after Dec. 31 may be addressed c/o Baptist Mission, IPO 1361, Seoul 100, Korea. She was born in Hattiesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Smothers, missionaries to Paraguay, have completed language study and after Dec. 19 may be addressed at Casilla 1171, Asuncion, Paraguay. Before they were appointed in 1972, he was pastor of Concord Church, Pelahatchie, Miss.

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In his report to the board, Berry said the corpus value at the end of the fiscal year, September 30, for the benefit of Southern Baptist causes and annuitants under contract, was \$14,216,564, with earnings (collective income) reaching a record \$760,104 exclusive of any capital gains.

The foundation "has made significant progress during this past year," in spite of "economic uncertainties" continues in a strong position and

and "money problems" in the world, Berry said.

Some \$1,796,873 was received in cash and securities for investment during the fiscal year, he said. "Due to withdrawals of \$1,067,395 and depreciation in the market (value) of \$180,210, we still ended up with a net increase of \$352,722."

Berry continued, "Even though monetary progress (the past year) has left much to be desired, the record of Southern Baptists during fiscal year 1973 . . . looks much better than comparable foundation funds or even in comparison to the stock market."

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need not worry too much about fluctuations in the market," he said.

The foundation will "likely continue its conservative approach" in investments until a more firm basis can be seen for an optimism by most economists that "when something develops to restore confidence in government and the American way of life, the next rise could be dramatic," Berry added.

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Blue Mountain Evening Classes For Next Semester

Blue Mountain College announces its evening classes for the Spring semester of the 1973-74 academic session, which are scheduled to begin on January 14, 15 and 17, 1974 and run until April 29 and 30 and May 2. Courses will be taught on the campus in Blue Mountain on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 9:30. Registration will take place for these courses January 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Admission to the evening classes is open to anyone 18 years of age or over. High school seniors who have at least a B average and the approval of their principal will also be admitted.

Courses offered on Monday evenings are: Old Testament, Elementary Typewriting, Advanced Typewriting, Introduction to Counseling, Western Civilization, and American Government.

Those offered on Tuesday evenings are: Painting and Composition, Fundamentals of Music, and General Biology.

On Thursday evenings New Testament is offered. Private Instruction in organ, piano and voice is also offered, with time and place to be arranged.

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Category 63 Training Awards For 1972-73 In State Revealed

The high twenty-five churches earning training awards in Category 63 (Bible Teaching Program) for October 1972 - September 1973 have been released by the Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee.

These training courses in Category 63 in the New Church Study Course are specifically related to the administration of various aspects of Bible teaching.

Leaders, these courses outline various methods of planning, implementing and analyzing Bible teaching programs.

Each of the twenty-five churches listed below, have received a special certificate of training from the Mississippi-Nashville Sunday School Departments listing their state ranking and number of credits earned during '72-'73.

Church	Ranking	Credits	Rank
Pearson, Jackson	Rank 178	4000.30	01
First, New Albany	154	2	
Byram Baptist, Jackson	154	2	
First, Crystal Springs	126	4	
Southside, Jackson	120	5	
First, Ellisville	117	6	
Jones	111	7	
Copiah	111	8	
First, Hazlehurst	94	9	
Calvary, Pascagoula	86	10	
Parkway, Kosciusko	83	11	
Goodwater, Magee	81	12	
Westview, Jackson	80	13	
Main Street, Hattiesburg	76	14	
Unity First Baptist, Pascagoula	72	15	
Calvary, Corinth	70	16	
First, Hattiesburg	67	17	
First, Laurel	65	18	
Jones	65	19	
Simpson	65	20	
Calvary, Jackson	63	21	
First, Morton	61	22	
First, Pontotoc	60	23	
First, Grenada	57	24	
Northside, New Albany	54	25	
Zion, Pontotoc	50	26	
Parkway, Jackson	50	27	
Hinds-Madison	50	28	

Credit Card Giving Launched By Church

BUFFALO, N. Y. (EP)—A Roman Catholic church here has started accepting credit cards in lieu of cash donations.

The Church of the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary launched the plan as a means of increasing its income. Paul Totaro, a member of the finance committee, said credit cards aid parishioners in budgeting fixed amounts for church contributions.

Life is a bundle of little things and the string is always coming untied.

Of course the truth hurts. Particularly on the bathroom scales.

Luck is always against the man who depends on it.

Bread For The Hungry

By Clifton J. Allen

John 5

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand was recorded by each of the four Gospels. However, the

Gospel of John alone records the discourse of Jesus that followed interpreting the meaning and significance of the miracle. The miracle itself and the teaching of Jesus set forth a large number of truths which are central and basic in the revelation of the Fourth Gospel. Christ is Lord over the things of nature. Christ is concerned about the physical life and the needs of human beings. Christ himself is the answer to the needs of persons on the deepest levels of experience. People are often blinded by material concerns and hence robbed of the insights and blessings of Christian experience. The faith and loyalty of Christians are always being tested by the pressures of unbelievers.

The Lesson Explained

A Miracle And A Sign. The Gospel writer reports the miracle in simple terms (see vv. 1-21). Multitudes followed Jesus, motivated in part by curiosity, especially in his miracles of healing. This was the

time of his greatest popularity with the crowds. At the end of a day of teaching and healing, he took a boy's lunch, surely willingly given, because of the boy's admiration of Jesus, and caused the five loaves and two fish to be multiplied adequately to feed five thousand men, besides women and children. The crowds were captured by enthusiasm. They saw in Jesus "that prophet," and they wanted to take him by force and make him king. Jesus resisted the temptation to accept their wish, doubtless pressed hard on him by Satan, quickly dismissed the crowds, and withdrew into the hills to pray. The next day, in the synagogue, he taught them about the food that endures to eternal life. The miracle had satisfied physical hunger, but it was chiefly a sign to point to the provision God had made in Jesus for the life of the world.

The Bread Of Life

Verses 35-40

This bread is different. It does not have to be eaten over and over. When received by faith, it satisfies hunger forever and quenches from thirst forever. In other words, one receives the Bread of life through a relationship with Christ that means eternal life. It is foolish for people to be preoccupied with life on the physical plane to the neglect of life on the spiritual plane. Jesus had come from

heaven to bring God to man and to bring new life to the world. Divine sovereignty and human freedom were both involved. All who believe in Christ are the Father's gift to the Son. No one will be rejected, and no one will be lost of those willing to come to the Son and receive him. The keeping power of Christ means assurance of eternal life. To see in Christ the revelation of God and to believe in him as the Savior sent from God means to be joined with him in the life of God forever.

The Necessity for Faith

Verses 41-51

The claim of Jesus to be the Bread of life was declarative of his nature and his life-giving power. His hearers in the synagogue responded with murmuring and unbelief. They accounted for him in human terms alone, nothing more than the son of Mary and Joseph, unwilling to recognize the evidence that he was the Son of God. Jesus rebuked them for their murmuring and their unbelief. No one could come to Jesus unless drawn to him by the Father. God takes the initiative; salvation is the result of grace. God sent Jesus to be the Savior of men. His very presence on earth was God's supreme effort to draw men to himself by drawing them to Christ. If men had been willing to hear and believe, they would have been drawn to the Son.



Young Adults To Sing In Premiere

The Young Adults Ensemble from First Church, Columbia, composed of six married couples, will be featured in the premiere production of "I'm Here—God's Here, Now We Can Start" at Columbia High School Auditorium for two nights—January 4 and 5. Tickets are free but must be secured in advance by calling or writing Billy Jack Green, Box 543, Columbia, Miss. 39429 (736-2608). Dr. Howard Aultman is pastor.

coming one."

THE BAPTISM

The public ministry of Jesus began that day when he appeared near the Jordan and submitted himself to John for baptism. Of course, John vigorously protested. But Jesus insisted.

The baptism of Jesus did not have the same meaning for him as it does for us, since he had no confession of sin to make or necessity for bearing witness to the experience of a new way of life. (1) It was a moment of decision. For thirty years he had been getting ready to do what His Father had sent him to do. Now he had realized that John was the forerunner and the time was now to answer the summons and the challenge of God. (2) It was a moment to approve John's ministry. In effect, Jesus was saying, I agree with your message and your insistence to show your thoughts in action like baptism.

(3) It was the endorsement of baptism as an ordinance. Because of his baptism, his words were more meaningful when he called for the disciples to "teach all nations and baptize them." (4) It was a moment of approval by the Father.

John saw the approval of God and realized his purpose had been fulfilled. Jesus heard the words, "Thou art my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." Jesus knew from that moment that he was the Servant of the Lord. The presence of the Spirit was to be his aid.

THE TEMPTATION

From the triumphant moment, God led his Son to wrestle with Satan to convince Satan that nothing would thwart the Saviour in his purpose. Why was he tempted? The temptations were proof of Jesus' real humanity and the victory over Satan was a proof of his deity. This was not the only time that Jesus faced temptation. Throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus is being continually in conflict with Satan and his representatives—demons.

There was great response to the ministry of John. The people were hungry for a message from God. His strong condemnation indeed divine guidance brought genuine conviction.

John believed in his message. He even dressed like a prophet so that people thought he was Elijah come back from the grave. In devotion to his calling he denied himself the comforts of life.

His message was effective because he told people what in their hearts they knew, and he brought them what in the depths of their soul they were waiting for. We should not underestimate the impact that John had on his day. Even ruthless and powerful Herod Onipas was afraid of him.

John sought to make clear that the expected Deliverer, the promised Messiah, was a far greater personality than was he. He used the comparison of a poor and insignificant slave to his affluent Master. "I am not even worthy to untie the shoes of the

Master."

Now who do you think Jesus is?

Are you equipped to present him to others? This study should open our eyes for personal affirmation and commitment. We will love him more, the more we know about him.

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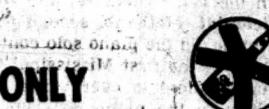
Banks Accept Post

At SBC Agency

DALLAS, Nov. 30—Bob Banks, director of the Brotherhood Department for Oklahoma Baptists, Friday was elected an executive assistant at the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In a special meeting here, the board agency selected Banks, 42, to direct Brotherhood planning and promotional efforts for the United States.

Agency Executive Director Glenn McCullough said Banks, a professional Brotherhood field worker for 23 years, will concentrate on working with state Brotherhood leaders to start Brotherhood units in Southern Baptist churches.



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Devotional

Ring In The New

By Earl Kelly, executive secretary
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Imagine New Year's Eve without bells! We shall never know—certainly not on earth—who produced the very first bell; his name is lost in antiquity.

We do know, however, that the inventor lived long ago because we read about bells in the book of Exodus. God gave Moses minute instructions regarding the holy garments to be worn by his brother, the first high priest: "And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about" (Ex. 28:33).

Bells have always been associated with proclamations as they are today. Just as the bell on our alarm clock proclaims the end of night and the beginning of a new day—a time of activity, the ringing of bells on New Year's Eve announces the beginning of a new era—a time of activity.

Any new year presents us with the fears of uncertainty and the challenges of change. 1974 is no exception. Many crises will stare us in the face during the new year, if the times are consistent with the past. There will be the energy crises, moral crises, and only heaven knows what else. The remarkable thing about being a Christian is that we are not controlled by CHRONOS (consecutive time), but by KAIROS (time touched by eternity).

Many a new year ushered in crisis situations for the early Christians. How did they manage to get through their age of anxiety? As James Reid has put it, "They got through it all because they saw through it all. They saw through it to another world." They believed that the God who made life intended for it to be lived for the glory of Christ, and that the Holy Spirit offered them the assistance to do just that. The Spirit has always guided God's children over uncertain paths and he guides just one day at a time. As D. T. Niles once wrote: "It is the devil who indulges men's desires to see the whole road ahead; he hides only the precipice at the end of the road."

Tennyson loved bells and in his *In Memoriam* has written much upon which we might meditate, especially as the bells ring in the new year:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land;
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Amidst the sound of the ringing of the bells, many Mississippi Baptists open the door of the new year with high heart and confident expectancy, certain that he who has walked with us through the years that are gone has new and richer treasures to disclose to us in 1974.

Dallas Atheist Fined For Church Trespass

DALLAS, Tex. (EP)—Jack Cody, popular atheist here, was fined \$100 in municipal court for "criminally trespassing" on the property of First Baptist Church here.

Cody, a fixture at City Council meetings for the past 12 months, was arrested in the downtown sanctuary on Sunday morning when he turned up wearing only a bathrobe and stocking cap. He told officials of the church he was against their broadcasting sermons weekly on the municipally owned WRR radio station.

Assistant Pastor Melvin Carter told a six-man court jury that Cody seemed bent on disrupting services.

"We didn't know what he was going to do," Mr. Carter said. "But he was causing a scene in the lobby."

Off The Record

Deweese Named To New SBC Historical Commission Post

NASHVILLE (BP) — Charles William Deweese has joined the staff of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission here as assistant director of editorial and research services, a newly created position.

Deweese, 29, current pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Oakland, Ky., has completed requirements for a doctor of theology

degree in church history from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and also holds master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary and a bachelor of arts degree from Mars Hill (N.C.) College.

Lynn May, Historical Commission executive secretary, said Deweese will assist in the production of periodicals, promotional materials and other publications, conduct research projects, provide historical information and consultation and assist in promoting the commission's program of recording, procuring, preserving and utilizing important Southern Baptist historical materials.

No Trouble At All
The stout lady said to the policeman, "Could you see me across the street?"

"Lady," he said, "I could see you a mile away!"

Last Time
The woman had employed a gardener, but she insisted on closely supervising his work.

One day, after giving him detailed instructions about some transplanting, she exclaimed impatiently, "In the time it takes me to tell you what to do, I could do it myself."

The gardener straightened up and leaned on his shovel. "Yes, madam," he replied gravely. "And in the time it takes me to listen, so could I!"

Neighbor: Where is Jimmy this afternoon?

Jimmy's sister: If he knows as much about canoes as HE thinks he does, he is out canoeing, but if he doesn't know any more about it than I do, he's swimming!

Partner: Where did your other wheelchair go?
I only had wind enough for one in my place so I took one off down.

Mathiston Calls Pastor
Rev. Marvin D. Bibb has assumed duties as pastor of Mathiston Church after serving for three years and three months as pastor of Trinity, Vicksburg. During his pastorate at Trinity, the church had 228 additions and the budget doubled. Also at Trinity the bus ministry was expanded and became very effective.

Mr. Bibb is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. Before going to Vicksburg, he served churches at Lynn, Isola, Poplar Springs (Simpson), Gilbertown, Alabama, and LaCombe, Louisiana. He has served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and has held various associational duties.

Mr. Bibb has served the New Zion Church in Simpson County, Flag Chapel Church, and Calvary Church, Jackson.



260 High Schoolers Visit BMC

When more than 260 high school students visited Blue Mountain College for High School weekend, many were interested in the Bible Department. Here Dr. James L. Travis, head of the department, is shown making explanations concerning one of the Bible students displays. Right to left are Rebecca Miller of New Albany; Pam Bush, Vardaman; and Renelda Pharr of Belmont.



New Multimedia Equipment In MC Accounting

Martin Davis (right), professor of business and head of the department of accounting at Mississippi College, watches as Debra Jones of McComb, an accounting major, uses the new multimedia equipment now available in the department. Designed for the course in Principles of Accounting, the audio-visual supplement has become quite popular with students as it allows them to review the subject at their own pace. Keyed to the textbook, the program offers the instructor an opportunity to present a complete basic accounting program integrating the text with color filmstrips and audio cassettes. (MC Photo by Bob Rampy)



Baxerville Burns Note

Baxerville Church recently held a noteburning ceremony, celebrating clearing of the last indebtedness on the church. Left to right: WMS president, Mrs. W. D. Kittrell; Dr. D. Wayne Evans, pastor at the time; Gerald Johnson, chairman of Building Committee; and Mason Thompson, chairman of deacons.



Clarke Class Visits Baptist Building

A class in religious education from Clarke College, under direction of Dr. Charles Melton, head of the Religious Education Department, recently visited Baptist points of interest in Jackson as a part of the "in-service" training sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director. Those on second row are, from left: Thermon Bryant, associate in Cooperative Missions Department, who directs the program; Dr. Melton; Dr. Rogers and Rev. Carey Cox, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

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